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Champions of the Environment

Grant Award Information

Rewarding K-12 teachers and students doing their part for the environment!

Up to eight Major grants are awarded in November. In addition, smaller seedling and merit awards are awarded to a number of runner-up projects each year.

In addition to the money, grant winners also get:

- A TV commercial made about their project
- Their project listed on the Champions' Web site
- A chance to be named the Overall Champion of the Environment

Who is eligible to apply?

- South Carolina's K-12 students, teachers and environmental educators who are working on an environmental project.
- Applicants may be school groups, clubs or individual students in a public, private or home school program.
- *Eligible projects must address an environmental issue in one or more of the following categories: prevention or reduction of pollution in the air, water or land; waste reduction; recycling; restoration, preservation or enhancement of natural areas; water or energy efficiency.*
- *Eligible projects must also educate the community and make a lasting difference to the environment.*

When to apply:

- Applications must be received by October 15th.
- Winners will be notified by November 5th.



To apply:

- Download the application in Word format from the Champions' grant award Web page. Save the document to your computer, fill it out, and email it to the Champions coordinator or mail it to Champions of the Environment, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.
- You may use pictures or other materials to support your application. These materials may be sent electronically but please follow-up to be sure any extra files were received.
- If you have any questions about the application or cannot access the electronic version please, call the Champions coordinator at 803-898-4249.

Projects are judged on:

- Benefits to the environment
- Student education and involvement
- Outreach - to students, parents and/or the community

Winners agree to:

- Use the award as stated in the application
- Submit a summary report about the project to be considered for an Overall Award

Checklist for applicants:

- ✓ Application form and narrative section filled out
- ✓ Application submitted in time to be received by October 15th

Please remember!

- To be considered, the application must be complete.
- DHEC cannot return any materials from the application packet.
- The Champions' selection committee reserves the right to change the number of awards offered as based on funding availability.
- If you have any questions or for more information, please call 803-898-4249.

For more information:

Visit <http://www.scdhec.gov/champions>, to learn more about the Champions of the Environment program. On the Web site you can find out about past winners and get some ideas for an environmental project. You can also call the Champions' Coordinator at 803-898-4249, or send an email to champs@dhec.sc.gov.



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- ☐ I am a teacher of K-12 students in South Carolina.
- ☐ I am a student in grades K-12 in South Carolina.
- ☐ I educate K-12 students in South Carolina outside of a school setting.
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Name of Project:

This is - ☐ a new project - ☐ an existing project - ☐ a project that has been completed

Number of Staff Involved: Number of Students Directly Involved: Grade Level:

Estimated number of students/community members that will be impacted by this project:

Project Coordinator:

Home Address:

Home Telephone Number:

Email Address:

(Please list the names and contact information for additional project leaders on the next page.)

School District (if applicable):

School/Workplace Name:

School/Workplace Mailing Address:

School/Workplace Telephone Number:

Fax Number:



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How did you hear about Champions?

Did you apply because you viewed a Champions' commercial on TV?

Please print or type your initials after each of the following statements:

- I have read and understand all bullet points in the section titled "Winners agree to," "Applicant checklist," and "Please Remember" on the *Champions' grant award information sheet*, <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/water/docs/chgrantinfo.pdf>.
- If this project is chosen to receive a Champions grant award, the funds will be used for the project represented in this application.
- I have informed an administrator at my school that I am applying for a Champions grant award.
 Name of administrator:

List the name(s) and contact information for anyone else that is helping to coordinate this project.



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1a. Environmental issue – Please, indicate one or more of the following environmental issues you will be working on,

- ☐ Prevention or reduction of pollution in the ☐ air ☐ land ☐ water; ☐ Waste reduction; ☐ recycling;
☐ Restoration, preservation or enhancement of natural areas; ☐ Water efficiency; ☐ Energy efficiency

1b. Environmental benefits - Briefly describe the expected short term and long term environmental benefits.

2. List the goals of the project.

3. Description of project – tell us how the project will be carried out. (Who does what?)

4. What will you do to ensure that the students involved have learned from this experience?



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5. Describe the outreach plan for this project. Who will you target (e.g. students, parents, community members) and how will you reach them?



6. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the project? (This item may be left blank.)



7. Budget – tell us how you plan to spend the \$2,000.

New Question will be added

- What could you accomplish with a smaller award? \$500 \$750?
- Please check our website later in the summer for the most up to date information and application

2010-11 Merit Winner

Carver-Edisto Middle School

2010-11 Major Grant Winner
3rd Place Overall Champion

*Spartanburg Charter
School*























2010-11 Major Grant Winner
1st Place Overall Champion

North Central High















Don't Forget!

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Questions